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"After I became War Minister, I discussed the policy of the occupation of General CHANG's four provinces to clear up the Manchurian situation. After I had made the plan up myself with the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, and the Finance Minister, all agreed with me. The Prime Minister approached the Privy Council for approval."

I am Minister of Education, I did not attend the Privy Council. If a question regarding foreign policy would be discussed at the usual cabinet

I was appointed Minister of Education in May, 1938, and this position until August 29, 1939, and I discussed various government matters concerning Foreign Affairs at the usual cabinet meetings during

At that time I was appointed to TAKIYU Kobunji who was Minister of Education. He talked with him on the subject of education. We decided to hold those meetings. I think he had somewhat views different from mine. At that time, we had decided after the meeting. I do not know whether he had any objection or not. I do not know whether he had any objection or not.

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